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Haverhill, Mass.

New filtration plant to cure water woes

By Knute Linberg

Haverhill - A new water filtration plant, designed by Whitman and Howard, Inc., Engineers and Architects, will be under construction this year in Haverhill.

The decision to build the plant was made on the basis of increased water quality problems, particularly bad taste and smell caused by bacteria and other organisms in the water, said Herbert Nickerson of the Haverhill Water Department.

The water now does not meet Environmental Pollution Agency (EPA) standards. The bacteria it contains is coliform: It is not a disease producing bacteria, but a know indicator that the water should be improved. Nickerson said, "Regulatory agencies have adopted this group of organisms as indicator organisms."

The plant will be built on Kenoza St., Kenoza Lake, the city's primary water supply. When completed it will employ approximately 10 people.

Water from the Mill reservoir, located in Haverhill will be pumped into Kenoza Lake, and the plant will treat the combined waters of these sources.

Future needs of the city have been considered in plans for the new plant. As water demands increase, water will also be pumped to Kenoza Lake from Crystal Lake, Little River, and the Merrimack River.

Whitman and Howard have designed the plant using their best ideas from plants previously designed by them. They expect it to put out a high quality of water. The arrangement and geometry of the facility is designed to minimize ledge excavation and to facilitate future expansion.

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Pen and ink sketch of new Haverhill Water Plant.

Radiation Controversy Warming Up

By R.E. Bissionette

EARTH - United States Admiral Hyman Rickover said recently before the House Subcommittee, Mar. 1, in regards to nuclear radiation: "I believe what we are doing is perfectly safe, but I can't prove it."

Recent demotions of eight Detroit Consumer Power Co. repairmen show the highly controversial aura of atomic radiation.

The workers were demoted to janitors. They refused to work in the South Haven Palisades Nuclear Plant. Local 114 Utilities Workers Union of America said, "no assurances from Consumers Power officials could not assure us of safety surrounding nuclear radiation exposure."

A Boston Globe Spotlight Story on Feb. 19, pointed to a 38.4 percent cancer rate among nuclear shipyard workers; this is

above the 21.7 percent in regular shipyard laborers, and national levels of 18 percent.

The Globe researchers poured over 100,000 death certificates in three northern New England states in order to locate names of 1,722 former Portsmouth, N.H. Naval Shipyard workers and their cause of death.

Just two days before the Globe Spotlight, Navy officials turned to the U.S. Department of Energy, and asked for an examination of links in nuclear submarine maintenance and cancer in

workers.

Researchers believe the danger comes from undetected radioactive contaminants, such as dust and debris found in submarine reactor repair work, and bomb fallout.

Leukemia death rates for shipyard employees is 450 percent higher than the general public rate.

Death by cancers of lymph glands was prevalent among radiation workers. It was 125 percent higher than national levels, and 60 percent above shipyard

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Birds-eye view of mixer



By Julie Davis & Joanne Fitzgerald

[Photo by Pallaria]

Band members of 'Flaherty Brothers', ham it up.

The Winter Carnival mixer that was held February 24, should have been named the Winter Circus. Why you ask? A good question. One reason was, the group displayed many talents, one of which was to cleverly imitate a presentation of a "hard rock band". What they lacked in the tunes department they more than made up for in agility on stage with their

dancing and grinding act. We were tempted to throw coins or better yet, hand the lead singer a pair of tassels to shake.

Although 400 tickets were sold, supposedly the majority to NECC students, many faces did not seem as familiar as others. The cost was a minimal \$1 for a NECC student and an excessive \$3 charge for a non student.

No major problems arose inside of the Center but it was reported that there were several fights outside, which were broken up by Haverhill Police.

A dance contest was held and three people won, which entitled them to two free beers apiece. Speaking of beer, a total of 19,200 ounces of beer was served with 5,670 ounces left over.

Health career day sponsored

By Larry Newman

NECC - A Health Career Day, jointly sponsored by the Division of Health Professions and the Office of Placement and Career Services, was held Friday March 3, at the Learning Resource Center on campus.

Students at Northern Essex along with many alumni/ae had the opportunity to talk with representatives from as many as 28 hospitals and other health related organizations. Over 40 professional representatives from the hospitals, including a large number from personnel, were on hand to talk about careers and opportunities in the health field.

While the representatives were most interested in talking with students who will be graduating this spring about respective specialties, there was much discussion and interest concerning the skills and background needed for entry level position in all employment categories.

The hospitals and organizations, in attendance, did not all necessarily expect to have immediate job openings. Many were hopeful the information and guidance provided would be useful for the prospective employee.

Representatives were on hand from a wide variety of careers, including nursing, respiratory therapy, radiologic technology, medical record administrators, gerontology, medical secretarial as well as personnel.

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Karate show audience got a 'kick' out of this stunt

[Photo by Joe Pallaria]

A long road back for O'Connor

By Julie Davis

Wednesday afternoon March 1, Northern Essex was very proud to present Ms Maureen O'Connor a country western singer. Ms. O'Connor has appeared with country western greats such as: Dottie West and Diana Trask. Randy Parton, who is, by the way, the younger brother of the famous Dolly Parton, used to be the drummer of the band Ms. O'Connor once played with. Ms. O'Connor has written much of her material and has cut an album. Her favorite artist is Bonnie Raitt, and she plans to learn more of Bonnie's songs, because she realizes that audiences like Bonnie Raitt's music.

Ms. O'Connor started her professional career at the age of 20 in West Palm Beach, Fl., at a club called "Country Carousel". After a couple of years in the Florida circuit she headed for Nashville, Te. In one week she was fortunate enough to land a job at the "Plantation Club",

where she performed for two years, along with other facets of the music industries in Nashville. She was hired by C & H

Productions to play in many of the surrounding states. Ms. O'Connor also did the Roy Wiggins radio show on Saturday mornings. When time permitted she did demo sessions at Monument Recording Studios for Mel Tillis's company, "Sawgrass Music Inc." While in Nashville she performed at such clubs as "The Demons Den", "Tootsie's", "Hugh X. Lewis Club", "Printers Alley", and the noted "Poladium Ball Room".

In 1974, she left Nashville for Southern California to pursue a completely different career as a housewife. Six months later she lost her husband in a tragic automobile accident. After giving birth to their son Damond, she again began her singing career, and formed the group "The High Desert Wranglers". They appeared in the Southern California area during

which time she recorded her first record on the Mulekick Label at Kent Fox Studios in Palm Springs, Ca. She wrote and recorded one song, "The Minute I Let On", which did very well in the California area.

Late in 1976, she decided to come back East, and made her first appearance at the "Lone Star Ranch" in Merrimac, N.H. From there she appeared at the "Wagon Wheel" in Ayer MA for about five months.

While appearing at a jamboree in Kittery Me, at Jimmy Canty's, she was offered a job there with the Lazy J. Playboys, which is the group she is presently with. She has just started doing single stints in Newburyport on Sunday mornings at the Italian Sub Base.

Ms. O'Connor said: "It's been a long road back, but with the deep love I have for music, I am going to hang in there, and hope for a bright future."

Extra tutors in Math/Reading labs

Northern Essex Community College has been awarded a grant through the Lawrence CETA office for the purpose of hiring tutors to provide support services for students enrolled in various programs at college.

Eighteen tutors were hired for an eleven month period beginning on February 6, 1978. After a two week training period, they were assigned to work within one of the areas of the Learning Center or in the ESL programs either at Northern Essex or at the University of Lowell.

The availability of the tutors during both day and evening hours will allow

additional services to be provided for the college community. The math, reading and writing areas will remain open for the use of Continuing Education and GED students and individual tutoring will be set up for students needing help in a specific subject area.

The tutors bring with them varied backgrounds and skills ranging from deafness interpretation to bilingual competencies. They will receive continued training in tutoring techniques and skill building practices for the life of the program and they are anxious to meet with and begin to tutor additional members of the college.

The tutors are most available between 8 - 9 a.m. and 3 - 5 p.m., but varied times during the day may also be arranged for tutoring.

If you are interested in receiving some tutoring help during either the day or evening hours, register in the Delivery Center Room C-211 and an attempt will be made to meet your needs.

IT'S COMING

APRIL 3

Secretary's job a pleasure

By Diane Bellis

This semester a new face has been added to the administration of Northern Essex. Vicki DeMarco is the new secretary for Student Activities Director Rick Nastri.

Miss DeMarco is 29 years old and was born and raised in Rochester N.Y. She is the oldest girl out of five children, including three brothers and one sister, who are presently scattered throughout the United States. She came to the Boston area ten years ago and graduated from Reading High School.

At the age of 27, Miss DeMarco received her Black Belt in Karate, which is her favorite hobby. She spends most of her free time helping to instruct a Karate class and her 9-2 schedule works out conveniently for this purpose.

Miss DeMarco said she enjoys her job because even though the work load is demanding, she has more variety and outside contacts than in her previous secretarial jobs. She participates in Student Council and frequently makes posters when activities are planned. She expressed her pleasure in having such a fantastic boss, and is looking forward to coming back next semester.

Storm causes little rescheduling for day students

By Kathy Brown

Registrar Allen Felisberto said "little or no consideration is being given to extending the semester because of time lost to the blizzard of '78". He said that four extra days had been built into the current day school calendar in the planning stages: two days for snow days and two days for reading days before final exams.

Day students will not lose their scheduled March vacation, but evening students, who began their classes one week later will forfeit the vacation.

The registrar also confirmed the possibility of returning to the one week exam schedule instead of the more flexible two week schedule if any more days are lost to inclement weather this semester.

DIC news

Hey, don't forget that the Drop-In-Center has moved!! It is now located off of the game room and operating with new staff members after a week-end training program at Cape Cod. The DIC is anxious and ready to help you help yourselves.

Did you ever have a crisis and need a friend to talk to. Do you need information on drug abuse, battered women, abortions, or pregnancy testing. Are you in need of a ride to school and back?

The DIC believes that together they can make it a little easier for you.



Fowle's News

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Something for everyone

The Observer encourages contributions from students

Poetry

Book of seasons

By Alan Foucault

Though withered and bespectacled,
The old man turned the page,
In the book of seasons
He was withering old age.

Muttering and senile,
Rambling often on,
Her loving keeps him peaceful,
Though in the flesh she's gone.

The picture on the mantle,
Grown grey and gone to fade,
Remains to hold him captive,
To goodbyes never bade.

And the old man turned another page,
In the book of seasons.

The plant that grew

The plant, then, was only a few inches high. Time went on and many things have changed. Our relationship started to fall apart, I assumed it was because of the blue eyed blonde. Although she did have a lot to do with it; she made him realize a lot about life. (I can't say it was about the real world, because what is that?) But instead it was about spiritualism. He had so many things to discover, but I couldn't understand this. If he loves me he should be satisfied, but he wasn't. There was just so much more to life and so many other people. At first I became hostile because I couldn't understand. He was so eager to grasp onto "The Light", but what was he talking about, and what the heck does "OM" mean. I had to know what he was talking about, it sounded so great. So I read a few books, practiced Yoga and Meditation, and talked to the blue eyed blonde. At one point in my exploration I became frightened, I felt I was losing myself. I felt I could fall into great depth of spiritualism and loose contact with reality. But there again what is reality? I think I felt I was losing myself because the unconsciousness was destroying my mask. I started experiencing wonderful things about my body and mind and started to become aware of the true Me.

I haven't seen him for awhile, but I think of him often. I can finally understand what he meant when he said, he loves her, and me at the same time, but in different ways. I felt good about it and was glad he was growing. Time went on and so did we, we drifted apart and the plant grew tall. I feel more love for him now than I ever have because I can understand him and love him with nothing being in the way, not even each other.

Awakening

Blue eye balloon

Julie Davis

You lifted me up
like I'm never gonna come down,
In a balloon
That will take me to stars unknown.
One thing is
You're the kind of high I need
right now.
And keep me there;
I don't ever want to lose it.
For if I do,
I won't ever see the stars unknown
for they are in your eyes,
deep and penetrating
seeing into me,
Bright blue,
Dazzling and shining like your balloon
that sends me to the stars unknown.

Friends

By Jo Anne Fitzgerald

I'm glad you were there
during better times
times....
that were too good to be true
And I guess they were
since now they're not.
But I'm glad you were there -
If it was just to soak up
all the joy that radiated from us when we
were one
during better times.
During better times,
we had more than our share
but handled it.

I'm sorry you've been here
during these lonely days
Days....
that have voidlessly grouped together
and can now be called weeks.
I'm sorry you've been here
because you've soaked up
my own sorrow
So I wouldn't drown in it.
during these lonely days.
During these lonely days
You've had more than your share
but handled it.
Thank You



Inside looking out

By Jo Anne Fitzgerald

When the rush of the world
presses down on me until I almost
Shatter,
I find peaceful refuge
dwelling in the shadow of myself.

I hide there for hours,
sometimes days
at a time;
never once being plagued
by
the condition of the world
or having to listen without hearing,
someone wise with years
depressingly reminisce about
"the good ol' days"
and how bad things are
now.

Of course things are bad.
But do those
who so freely profess it
ever do anything - but that.
"Why certainly", you say -
shocked that I would even dare ask.

They attend their "anti" meetings,
church socials,
PTA's,
and good citizen gatherings --
reeking of hypocrisy;
never once losing the painted smile
that was painstakingly practiced in the
bathroom mirror,
and took so long to get right.

In my mind,
these people cease to be.
They won't clutter my soul
with their trivial,
humanless values.

To them,
life is a game of seek and take.
But one day,
when they awake,
they'll find
that their hearts have become stone;
and their minds so processed
that they won't even notice
me
laughing at
them.

A girl's lament

P.G.

Just turn around and walk out the door
My love for you is gone.
I don't want you around anymore.
I knew all along it was wrong,
Your kind of love only brings pain;
You are just too vain
To ever really care,
It is just not fair
Why should I take all the hurt
As you run around and Flirt?
So turn around and walk out the door
My love for you is gone.
I don't want you around anymore
I knew all along it was wrong.

'Parnassus' deadline Mar. 31

NECC - Parnassus is our school's only literary magazine and it needs your contributions now to meet its Spring deadline. The Parnassus staff encourages you to submit, by the end of March, your poetry, short stories, essays on personal experiences and art work.

The staff currently includes five students: June Kasianchuk, Cilla La-Plume, Bob Pomerleau, Paul Poulos, and Lisa Waterman. They are dedicated

people, but they alone can't carry all the burden of filling the covers of Parnassus. They depend on you for help. This semester it will be easier to submit articles and have them printed.

Submissions may be dropped off at C341 or in the mailbox in the C bldg. mailroom. Submissions should include your name, address, and phone number. Remember your presence is welcome when your piece is discussed.

If you'd care to meet some of the people involved in making this magazine work, drop by C341 Wednesday or Friday 11 - 12, or at other posted times. The Parnassus advisor is Priscilla Bellairs. Her office is C343, next door to the Parnassus office. If you're feeling really ambitious and can contribute three hours a week, why not join the staff?

This magazine is paid for with part of your Student Activity Fee, so now's your

chance to see where some of your \$17.50 goes.

The Parnassus staff urges Composition and Journalism teachers to encourage their students and we ask future creative writing and journalism majors, to contribute. Parnassus is an established magazine which gets distributed throughout this community. We're giving you a chance for recognition. We can be your creative outlet, so take advantage of us!

Students enjoy mime

By Diane Bellis

Laughter and enjoyment best describes the reaction of NECC students, after watching the incredible performance by mime Trent Arterberry.

Arterberry has received national recognition for his performing with major recording artists ranging from Buddy Rich and B.B. King, to Billy Preston and the Kinks. Arterberry's popularity also deals with rock audiences, and he was invited by Aerosmith and Boston to perform at their New Year's Eve celebration. Arterberry is featured on both album covers for Capitol's Pousette-Dart Band, and frequently opens their

show. He is also the first non-musical act to appear at such renowned concert clubs as the Bottom Line in New York, Washington's Cellar Door, and the Paradise Theatre in Boston.

Arterberry's approach to mime is anything but conventional and ranges from the sensitive and poetic to the bold and outlandish. Sometimes his style is further enhanced by the use of sound, lights, and special effects. On occasion during his performance, he employs a fog machine; blacklight effects to announce the title of each piece; strobe lighting mixed with recorded sound to rock the



Trent Arterberry as "Man's best friend".

(Photo by Joe Pallaria)

audience in an atomic blast, and a raised plexiglass platform lit from underneath in which Arterberry displays one of his favorite mimes, Icarus.

Arterberry writes all of his mimes and feels it is important because they honestly reflect his personality, enabling more involvement with the audience. The varieties displayed, ranged from a dramatic war scene to a humorous

portrayal of a day in the life of a dog. Two mimes, The Apple and Daddy Babysits got a majority of laughs but the favorite of the audience seemed to be the mime Dis-Jointed.

Arterberry was born and raised in California, where he later studied mime. His wife, Melodie, is also a talented mime, who frequently appears in concert with her husband. They have two daughters, ages four and one.

Brown goes to Gazette

By Judi Dusombre

NECC - Mrs. Kathleen M. Brown of North Andover, former editor of the OBSERVER has gone on to greener pastures. She is busy these days as a cub reporter for the Haverhill Gazette.

Mrs. Brown is one of many NECC students working under the Co-op Education plan here: Abbott Rice is the director of Co-op Education.

Influential in her journalism career were her journalism teachers at NECC: Betty Arnold and Brian Hardy. Hardy is a senior reporter at the Gazette.

Mrs. Brown works at the Gazette 12 hours weekly, receiving on the job training.

When asked how she was progressing, she replied, "The city editor, Frank Burbank is great. He doesn't ask if I can do something; he simply assumes I can. Basically, I take what comes at me and run with it."

Mrs. Brown said her "beat" is the college campus. One might say she is a busy woman with school, work at the Gazette, her family, and her home. She has also recently been elected to the student council at NECC, but she admits she loves the pace.

Her interest in journalism began as a child: Her father was employed by the Lawrence Eagle Tribune as a journalist. She can remember playing with his typewriter and going out on assignments with him.



KATHY BROWN (Photo by Pallaria)

After her training at the Gazette and NECC, she plans a double major in Psychology and Sociology at Merrimack College. However, she has decided that her master's degree will be in journalism. She plans to combine these areas of teaching and feature writing or education reporting.

She is married to Len Brown, Director of Visual Merchandise at Jordan Marsh. They have three children, Jana, 13, Alicia, 12, and Andi, 9.

IT'S COMING APRIL 3

No-fault homework plan

By Julie Davis

No Mum, I can't possibly do the dishes tonight. I'm going up to my room now to do my homework. I have a TON to do for tomorrow. If anyone calls me, I'll call them back then I'm through.

Boy is my room a sight, I can't do homework in a pit like this. I'll just clean off my desk then settle down to some serious studying. Now that my desk is cleaned up I really should make my bed.

Wow, I never did read this article in Cosmopolitan, after all I do want to be well read. This art... ks good too... Gee I really should water my plants, they look half dead.

Now to find a pen, if this drawer wasn't such a mess I could find one that writes. Well here's a pad of paper, I'll just see which ones write. I feel a lot better now that this drawer is neat. Now to put on an album and get down to some serious studying. Who the hell made a mess of my albums, I better put them all back or they'll be scratched to hell.

Where did all this dust come from? Oh, well, I'll just go down stairs and get the mop.

Julie, yes mum, Patti called, she wants you to call her back as soon as possible. Hi Pat, this is Julie, you called? Ya you want to go out for a drink? Sure, I did all my homework for tomorrow, no problem.....

Correction: Pass/no credit

The pass no credit option contract was incorrectly printed in the Observer: It should read as follows:

As many as three elective courses during a student's two years at NECC may be taken on a pass no credit basis. This means that a student may make a contract with his/her professor stating that if the student passes the course,

he/she receives only a grade of pass and the allotted number of credits for the course. If the student does not pass the course, he/she receives no credit for the course and there is no detrimental effect on the student's cumulative grade point average. Pass no credit forms are available in the registrar's office. This option, however, is limited to Liberal Arts students.

POST BLIZZARD SALE

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Fiber filled vests

Long sleeve jerseys

Long sleeve sweat shirts

40 %off all winter clothing

Bic pens back to 19¢

Drafting boards \$1.99

Coffee mugs. reg.1.49 now 99¢.

N.E.C.C. BOOKSTORE

By John Maurice

NECC - The Korean Karate Club gave a demonstration of the Martial Arts on Feb. 15 at 12:30 in the carpeted lounge. A large student audience jammed the area to watch the demonstration.

The exhibition was of a Korean Karate known as Tang Soo Do. It lasted for an hour and encompassed many aspects of the art. The demonstration was sponsored by the Office of Student Activities. Master Richard Byrne supervised the entire exhibition.

The demonstration started as several club members showed basic kicks in a line formation. Next, Rick Nastri showed skills by breaking two pine boards with a round kick. Ralph Brown smashed two boards with a jump side kick. Victoria DeMarco and Kathy Gallagher sparred and demonstrated different fighting techniques.

The exhibition had karate students breaking boards and showing different kicks, hits, blocks, and form to an engrossed student audience.

The karate continued at a brisk pace. Bob Sloss sparred with Mike Fallon. The two combatants moved quickly and showed varied hitting and blocking techniques.

The exhibition of third degree black belt holder Master Richard Byrne amazed the student audience with feats of karate power, skill, and concentration. Mr. Byrne holds a world record for board breaking.

The karate demonstration concluded with Byrne lying on his back over broken glass with 200 lbs. of cement blocks on his

back. Going by the applause, the karate exhibition was enjoyed by the NECC student audience.

Participants in the exhibition were Master Richard Byrne, Kathy Gallagher, Bob Sloss, Mike Fallon, Victoria DeMarco, Pete Teer, Ralph Brown and Brian Jackson.

The Northern Essex Korean Club meets Wednesday and Friday from 11:15 to 12:30 in the Men's Auxillary Gym.



A single blow opens bottle, but from 'wrong' end.

[Photo by Pallaria]

Instructor for classes is Master Richard Byrne. Classes cost \$1.50 each, and extra attention is given after class to any student who needs or wants it.

chest. The blocks were smashed in two by repeated strikes with a sledge hammer. The audience response was great applause as Byrne arose without a single scratch on

The facts of life

By Joanne Fitzgerald

On my eighth Christmas, Ellen and I had our first serious sister-to-sister talk. But you could have heard a pin drop.

With Ellen having reached the worldly wise age of 11, I brought my troubles to her. I knew she'd level with me. Or lie so wonderfully that I'd never know the difference. Sometimes playing the dumb little kid can be to your advantage. Someone will always feel the need to protect you and keep evils away. Dumb little kids know this, and so do very smart people.

"Ellen, I want to ask you something", I said quietly.

"I'm not going to sneak downstairs and count the presents again. I almost got caught the last time.", she said, radiating true warmth.

"No, I want to ask you something different." I paused, took a deep breath, and said, "Is there really a Santa Claus? I mean really?" I waited for my answer with wide-eyed hopefulness.

Ellen looked at me for a long time, shuffling the books that were on the bed into a different arrangement of clutter - not saying a word. After what seemed like hours - and after the books couldn't be shuffled anymore, she leaned forward and said,

"Well, what do you think?"

I had my answer. She blew it. As soon as she asked me for my opinion - I knew my worst fear had come true.

No one, well, at least not Ellen, ever asked an eight year old anything on the complicated side, unless they expected a fairly dumb answer.

That was my initiation into the big bad world; my first fact of life.

I just turned twenty-one last week. I've collected so many facts by now that I'm probably an excellent trivia player. The game has been fun so far, even though there's been plenty of times that I've kept going through "go", without collecting \$200. And somebody already owned Boardwalk when I finally got around to landing on it. Or when I was running the railroads and managed to cause a major derailment. But I'm getting off the track.

To get to the facts, since that's what this is all about. There are certain facts of life that no one; not your mother or father or best friend, or high school gym teacher ever told you. You learn them through the wonderful mystery of living life. And they are cutely called "growing pains". I think mine are terminal.

I don't profess to be a prophet, since Gibran has sewn that up nicely. But I thought I'd pass on a couple of thoughts I've had along the way which you can use for whatever benefit they might be to you. Here are some of the facts of life I've collected through intense living, and dedicated research.

Fact Number 1: Sometimes life can be a bowl of cherries. It can also be a bowl of pits.

Fact Number 2: Into each life a little rain must fall. When it rains, it pours.

Fact Number 3: The road to experience is often wrought with pitfalls. But if you take the highway instead, because it's easier, you might end up paying alot in tolls.

Fact Number 4: There's alot of fish in the sea, so there's no reason to end up with Charlie the Tuna.

Fact Number 5: Don't cry over spilt milk. But for Chivas, it's o.k.

Fact Number 6: Youth is fleeting, but only if you let it go by you.

Fact Number 7: Ask not what your country can do for you, because it might keep you up nights.

Fact Number 8: The best things in life are free. Like freedom.

Fact Number 9: Life is but a stage, and we are all players. Try to memorize the lines before you go on.

Fact Number 10: Coke adds life, and it also melts rust.

Facts worth filing

By Fitzgerald

***Alexander the Great died in a great battle - the one with syphilis. And the cops didn't get Al Capone - syphilis did. And the only one thing seemed able to cause the fall of Adolph Hitler - syphilis.

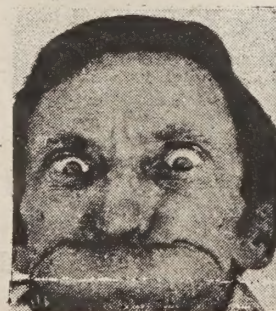
***Bugs Bunny Cartoons - they are the best! An average 10 minute Bugs cartoon took about 10,000 frames to animate. The new cartoons of the sixties and seventies (Scooby Doo, The Flintstones, and Josie and the Pussycats) run the same length of time and only take from 1,000 to 1,500 frames to animate.

***If you have a red Volkswagen, it's redder than you think - Adolph Hitler helped design and create the Volkswagen.

***Did you ever wonder what would happen if somebody screamed "Movie!!" in a firehouse??? - Steve Martin.

***There are only 274 shopping days left til Christmas.

***The man who created the famous "Archie" comics, Bob Montana, was a former student at Haverhill High School. The characters were based on real students in Montana's class, and he got the idea for "Mr. Weatherbee", the principal, from his own principal at Haverhill High.



When he grew to manhood, Dganawida had a vision: he saw a giant spruce tree whose topmost branches broke through the sky into pure light. Five great roots anchored it in the ground, and a luminous carpet white as snow spread from its base over rocky hills in all directions. A guardian eagle was perched on top of the

tree. This tree was the Sisterhood of Humanity. It would spring from the peaceful union of five Indian tribes and stretch upward to unite with the light of the Master of Life. Peace and Light would spread out from this union until all people of the earth would be protected.

Legare's talent stretching in leaps and bounds

By David Page

NECC - Why did Ginger Legare choose Northern Essex Community College? Ginger herself isn't really sure. Certainly, the credentials she had as a player coming out of Haverhill High School would merit offers from major four year schools in the area. This year, as a member of the Northern Essex women's basketball team, she has scored more than 600 points and tout s an impressive 24 point average.

Due to a ruling by the Athletic Women's Inter-Collegiate Association (AWIA), GINGER will not be eligible for a scholarship at a four-year school until she matriculates NECC. This means that she will be back next year for her final season with Northern Essex.

One of the new members of the team seems to substantiate Hess's theory, as she went to a four-year school some distance away and returned home in a matter of weeks.

Coach Marsha Hochman, women's basketball mentor at Merrimack College, feels that if Ginger had applied herself more, in terms of seeking a scholarship, she could have practically picked her school at will. She went on to add, "It's really a waste of Ginger's talent to play for a two-year school when she could be playing against tougher competition and improving her skills at a major college."

On the other hand, her current coach, Jack Hess, feels Ginger made a wise decision in choosing Northern Essex. It gives her a chance to adjust to college life and more time to decide on the right college for her to transfer to. Hess said, "Ginger will be good enough to make any women's club in Massachusetts when she graduates from here."

Hess plans to upgrade the caliber of women's basketball at Northern Essex by scheduling games with out of state teams.

Already in the works, for next season, are a number of games to be played in Cleveland Ohio, the coach's home area.

The amount of determination shown in Ginger's game became evident at the final regular game of the season with Merrimack College. She rejected over a half a dozen shots by the opponent.

Her love for the game becomes evident when one realizes that she has attended the Pokono Invitational Girls Basketball Camp, in Pennsylvania, for the last three summers. In her spare time she goes to other girl's basketball games, such as the recent tournament held at Boston University.

Because of the fact that she plays on such a good team, she is taken out for other players. When asked how she felt about this she unselfishly replied, "Coach Hess likes to give everybody a chance to play."

Miss Legare is currently working on her speed and rebounding, phases of her game that coach Hess said are her weakest.

Ginger's best game of the season came against Holyoke, this past January, when she poured in 45 points.

She began her basketball career at Dr. Paul Nettle school, Haverhill, while in the seventh grade. Since then she has been on championship teams, scored two GBL titles in her junior and senior years at Haverhill High School; and is now with a 25 and 1 team here.

Ginger is a Liberal Arts student here. She would like to go on as a physical education major. Coaching basketball is a goal she has set for herself. The six-foot one inch center/forward is an above average pupil with a 3.13 semester QPA.

When she isn't studying, practicing, or playing basketball, Ginger works as an assistant dietary aide at a local rest home.

Count your blessings

By Joy Grant

Ever wonder when and why we count our blessings? Holidays such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter are the traditional times that people start counting.

All too often, people stop counting before they even really get started. Someone near and dear comes close to dying and then recovers. Someone has a baby. These are times when the list of blessings is thought of for at least a few minutes.

Think of the miracles of the senses. Sight, how often we take it for granted without really seeing the things around us. The many things we can see in our daily commute. I often marvel at a solitary outrageous leaf dances in the road. Stop and think of the rain, snow, wind and humans it had to outwit in order to survive long enough to dance for me.

Listen! The sound of winter birds can be heard as they search for food. It is impossible to imagine how they survive,

but they do; and people don't even pay attention to them.

The automobile, how often it is taken for granted as it faithfully carries people hither, thither, and yon. A miracle of modern technology and human minds. Minds that dared to dream, even when they were laughed at daily.

In this day and age, it is accepted that the automobile will do our bidding at the turn of a key. We curse it when it decided to take a rest and break-down - always at

the worst possible moment. We even begrudge it the gas it needs to run on.

If we would take a few moments to look around, we would find so many miracles that it would completely boggle our minds. Day in and day out, we on this planet are unaware of the things that make our days possible. Think about it.

Play to be produced by professionals

The Drama Society at Northern Essex Community College (NECC) will present "The Madwoman of Chaillot", a comedy written by Jean Giraudoux next month.

Gene Boles, 13 Warren St., Georgetown, is the director and production coordinator for the play. He is a professor at NECC where he teaches Acting, Mime, and Theater.

Boles, a native of Oregon, was graduated from the University of Oregon. He has

worked with various local theater organizations in several different capacities.

"Moon Children", a play produced at NECC in 1976, was directed by Boles. He was on leave from the college in 1977 studying theater at the graduate level. He last acted in "The Prisoner of Second Avenue", a play performed by a theater group in Reading.

A former NECC student, James Flood of Haverhill is stage manager for the play.

Flood was one of the 12 finalists chosen by the American College Theater Association Competition to audition for a scholarship while a student at NECC.

A well known Haverhill artist, George Capron will design the set and coordinate publicity for the play.

Capron is the former director of the Merrimack Valley Council on the Arts and Humanities. He is employed at NECC in several capacities: coordinator for two

Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) projects and professor of English.

Capron formerly held the position of Coordinator of Cultural Affairs for the college.

Gary Keating of Lawrence, a former NECC student is the costume designer for the play. He is a member of the Garret Players of Lawrence and a past president of that group.

Elinor Curtin, theater teacher at Haverhill High School, is the make up consultant for the play.

Consumer Protection Service open

By David O'Connor

On February 27, a Consumer Protection Service opened, for the fourth year, on the campus of Northern Essex. The Consumer Protection Service is run by a staff of 26 Business Law students under the direction of Dr. Sarris. The service is run to help the consumer help himself and to help resolve consumer complaints.

Many problems are handled by the Protection Service. The number one problem has to do with automobile repairs. Also high on the list are problems concerning door to door selling and what to do about defective equipment.

About 150 to 200 cases are handled by the Service each year. The Service is

currently operating without funds and would like to see Northern Essex provide surplus funds to help in its operation. The advice is free but donations are greatly appreciated.

The Consumer Protection Service operates according to section 93A of the Mass. chapter of the Consumer Protection

Agency, which details how to deal with consumer complaints. The Service is not authorized to give legal advice and difficult cases are referred to the Attorney General's office.

For those students who have a consumer complaint or question the Consumer Protection Service is located in Room 120 in the "C" building.

CETA joins Globe Security

NECC - The school has employed 16 new security guards, from the CETA program to help watch school grounds. Three are women. The new guards will be working along with Globe Security, previously the only guards here. All 16 people were carefully screened by George Capron, retired Lt. Capt. of the Navy. They were also checked out by the Haverhill Police Department, said Ron

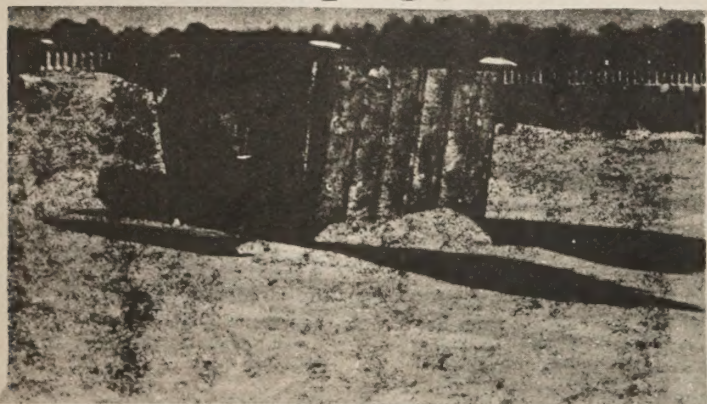
Sevigny, Superintendent of the Buildings and Grounds. Most of the Guards have a constables license. They are varified to make arrests.

The new CETA guards are all attending classes here at NECC. The classes include Law Enforcement, Security Procedures, and State Policy, said Sevigny. These new guards are all dressed in plain clothes, and look like the average student.

The school has been ripped-off a few times this year. But Sevigny said that not much has been taken this semester, as in past semesters. He said the problem will be covered now with more security.

There are eight guards on duty during the two day shifts, two Globe, and six CETA. There are only four guards on duty at night, but there are 15 janitors here at night also.

Guardshed uprighted: all to be secured



Guard house flips in the "pits"

[Photo by Joe Pallaria]

NECC - The guardshed in the unpaved parking lot was blown over and broken during the blizzard of '78, but will soon be fixed so guards can keep a watch over the parking lot.

This is only one of three guardsheds that the school has built, at a cost of about \$300 apiece. They are for the security officers to watch all the parking lots at the school.

A cement slab will be fastened to the bottom of each of these sheds, done by CETA workers, to prevent them from blowing over again. The one in the "pits" will have to wait till the parking lot is paved before the slab is put under it.

Supportive help.

Do you know the material but forget it during a test?

Do you have a mental block when the test is in front of you?

Are you anxious, tense, irritable, or scared when taking a test?

Are your study skills rusty or missing?

Then Join Us!!!

The Counseling Office of the Division of Continuing Education and Community Services is Happy to present a study skills workshop for any of you who are anxious, tense, and fearful of exam taking, who know the material but blank out when you see a test in front of you, who have trouble remembering, and who have rusty or missing study skills. We will help you ease your anxiety through relaxation, motivation, test-taking techniques, better study skills, and a sharing of problems.

Join us and see just how supportive a group can be! Alex Hasbany and Martha Paisner of the DCE Counseling staff will conduct a workshop in the lounge in the student center from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (29th location TBA)



That's like if we are thirsty and we go munch on crackers, or if we are hungry and we go drink water. That's the difference."

Man has been constantly looking outside, constantly looking outside. He doesn't understand that if he would look inside, it is there. It's a very common thing. Sometimes you are wearing your watch and all of a sudden you become very sleepy. The next thing you know, you wake up and say, "Oh! Where is my watch?" You don't see it beside you on your table, so you go searching throughout the place. You say, "Where is my watch? Where is my watch?" You make everybody go haywire just searching for it. Then all of a sudden, you walk out to the street, while your whole family is still looking for your watch, and someone said, "What time is it?" So you go, "Oh/ The watch is right here." That's where you needed to look, not out on the street. To find it, you only had to look right there.

So premises, it's such a fine line between realization and not-realization. Look where man is. Somebody came out with a gun, so another guy came out with a bullet-proof vest. Somebody came out with a sword, so some other guy came out with a shield. The world has been doing this for centuries. I mean, it's crazy. Do you know how many products there are in this world? How many things are manufacture in this world? And every one of them is different. Man's been doing this for ages and ages and ages and ages. But where is he now?

I mean, look. Man has got everything. But is this peace? Is this satisfaction? Nobody is happy. As a matter of fact, you look at people and they're usually unhappy. They are just so tense, so uptight. They don't know what to do anymore. Sometimes you just hit the end of your rope; You just don't know what to do. And this is where man is now.

First some guy probably came out with just a one-string guitar. That was it. And now you don't need any guitars. All you need is a moog synthesizer and you make any sound you want. It's a one-man band, and he does the whole thing. But is that happiness? Is he happy? Really, happiness is somewhere else.

By Guru Maharaj Ji's grace, this is so beautiful because there couldn't have been a better time ever for this knowledge to be presented to us than now. Look at it, the world is going crazy. But then there is the fact that there is this knowledge, and it is for us. It is for you and me; it's for everybody. We are really fortunate because we have had the opportunity to realize Knowledge, since Knowledge was revealed to us.



[Photo by Pallaria]

Fishing workshops set

Two saltwater fishing workshops will be conducted by the extension staff at the Essex Agricultural and Technical Institute, Hathorne, March 11 and 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Subjects to be covered will include choice of saltwater tackle, using and rigging natural baits, improving casting, maintenance and repair of tackle and

methods on how to catch more fish.

Carl Beal Jr., athletic director at Northern Essex Community College, will serve as coordinator.

Persons interested in registering for the sessions or getting additional information should write Ralph Goodno, Essex Agricultural and Technical Institute, Hathorne, Mass. 01937.

Inexperienced skiers wanted

People interested in Cross-country skiing are welcome to join the outing club. They have day trips once a week and night trips once a month. The cost of an overnight trip is five to ten dollars for transportation, lodging and meals. Anyone is welcome. You do not have to be an

experienced skier. The club has cross-country equipment available for its members. When the cross-country season is over, the club will have excursions involving hiking, canoeing or bicycling.

The outing club has meetings every Wednesday at 12 noon in room 129 at the gym.

Thoughts At The Kitchen Sink

By Kathy Brown

When first married, my husband and I belonged to a large Catholic parish in South Lawrence. The pastor was innovative, witty, good natured, amazingly brilliant, and well loved. He also occasionally "got his Irish up".

St. Patrick's was the first church in the city to recognize the need for growing numbers of elderly people and teenagers to have a place of their own in which to gather. Monsignor Burke saw that a building located near the parish schools was purchased.

Several small discussion groups of three or four couples each existed: They met regularly in one another's home to explore the Bible.

St. Patrick's supported a flourishing grammar school and a girls high school. The altar boys soprano choir was second to none, and creating strong ecumenical relationships throughout the city was one of the pastor's interests long before it became "fashionable".

Monsignor Burke knew his Lord and his business well.

That winter was particularly long, drawn out, and an exceptionally cold one, and the church's budget for heating oil was stretched as tight as possible.

The pastor asked people to give a little more in the collection. In fact, he asked three Sundays in a row and got very little response.

Undaunted, he decided on a new, more effective approach. When we arrived at

church the next Sunday, we noticed it was colder than usual there. It got colder as the hour went on.

That Sunday the pastor didn't ask for any increase in the collection. He simply stated, "The majority of parishoners have indicated that they do not wish to increase our heating budget. Therefore, I shall assume they wish to be cold." He then delivered an unusually long sermon, but he neither chastised us nor pleaded with us.

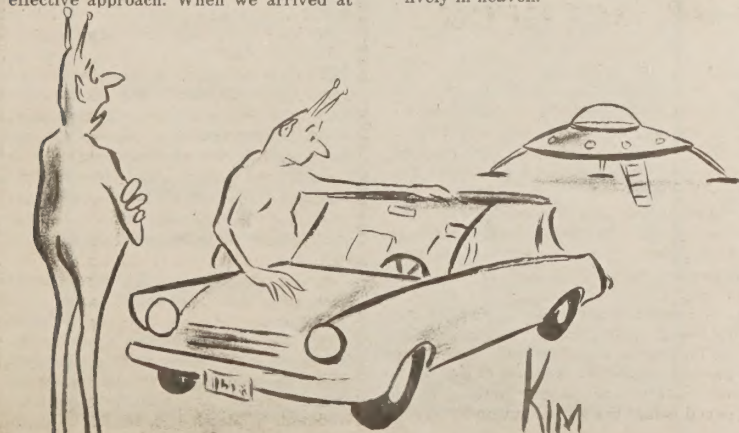
By the time the mass was ended, we were shivering. The Lord had ingeniously provided a day when the temperature was five degrees.

As we walked out of the church slightly numb with surprise and cold, we noted that everyone was talking about the lack of heat. They were also deciding to do something about it.

The Lord and Monsignor Burke worked together in strange ways, but they got the job done.

The next Sunday a comfortably warm church awaited us. At the end of this mass, the pastor said simply, "I guess you people had a change of heart: We now have \$1,000 designated for heating oil. Go in peace."

Joseph Patrick Burke, pastor and rector emeritus of Saint Patrick's Church, Lawrence; Monsignor, and devoted servant of God died this week. I cannot help but think things will be a little more lively in heaven.



"Judging from the amount of noxious gases it emits, I'd say it's some type of weapon."



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Editorial Commemnatry

Activity periods exist in theory

The student council has trouble achieving a quorum at meetings. The Drop In Center has held its weekly staff meeting on Sunday morning for the past five weeks: OBSERVER editors and staff have been working weekends for two semesters. Various clubs and other student organizations are unable to select workable meeting times.

Why? The schedules of the students who participate in these officially sanctioned student activities conflict even though four hours are supposedly planned into the master schedule where no one has classes.

In theory, NECC has four hours designated for student activities: 11 a.m. Mon. and Fri. and 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Wed. Some classes are scheduled then, but none should be. No other classroom activities should be scheduled then either.

Division chairpersons, department chairpersons, at least one high-ranking administrator, and professors, however, do not honor these activity periods.

Instead they schedule classes, conduct field trips, and show **required** movies and film strips.

These practices are unfair to students: NECC is a commuter college which services a broad range of cities and towns. It also services a diverse and varied student body. If student activities are to exist they must exist during the traditional school day. It is virtually impossible to schedule activities after school hours.

Everyone does not drive his/her own car. Everyone does not have an independently determined schedule. Forty per cent of our students work 20 or more hours per week. Thirty-five percent are married and have other non-student responsibilities.

These same students are often accused of apathy and considered lethargic, disinterested, bored, and restless because of chronic non-participation in student activities. Is this REALLY the case?

Obviously the scheduling of classes during activity periods was done with administrative approval; films and field trips, unless scheduled during regular class hours **should** be optional: Professors **must** stop demanding commitments from students during non-class hours.

Each student pays \$17.50 per semester student activities fee. The college hired a student activities director last year who has done an admirable job of coordinating these activities and scheduling many and varied events.

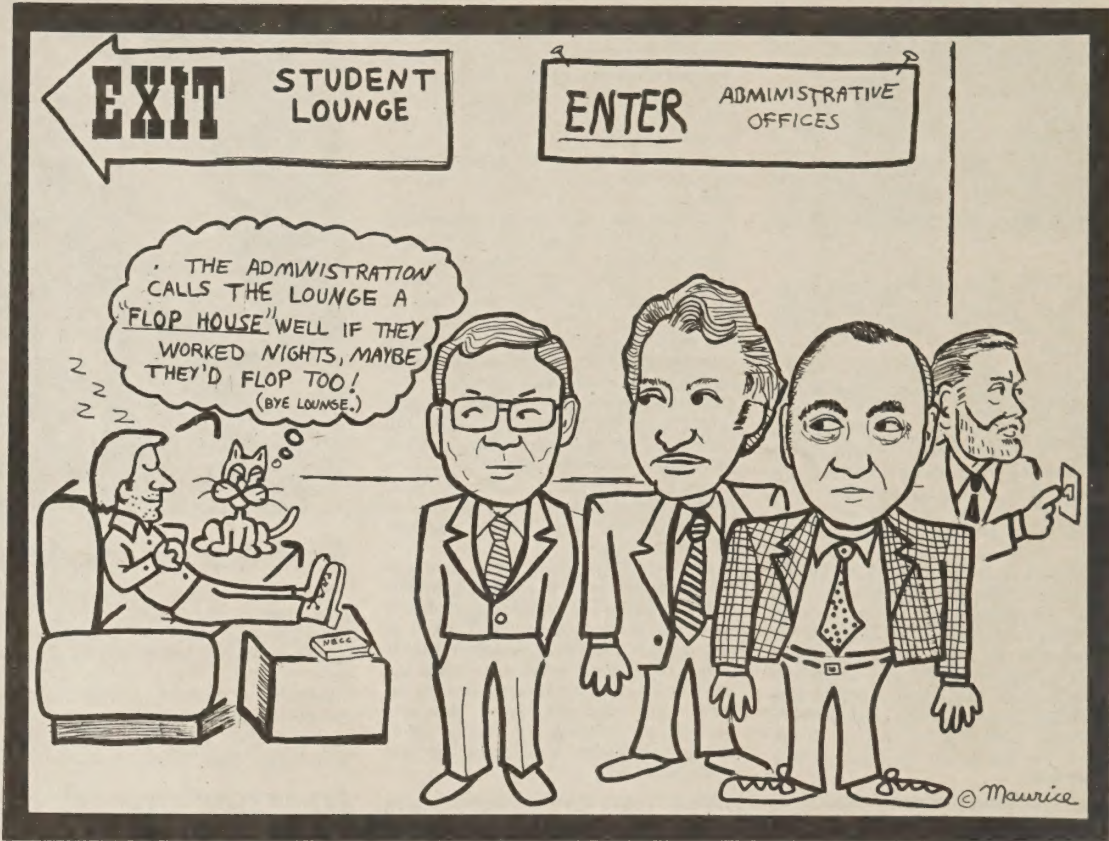
The question used to be what happened to the \$17.50? Now, the question is when will they permit me time to participate in the student activities the \$17.50 provides?

The way I feel about Elvis' Death

By Scott Laudani [age 7]

The way I feel about Elvis's death is I was happy when he was alive, but when he died I was really sad. The friends I have in school that like him were very sad when he died in 1977. We all felt bad. I think I'm the only one that knows that he was born in 1935. I've heard Elvis's records in different places. My really favorite song is 'you ain't nothing but a hound dog' and 'jail house rock' and 'love me tender'. My friend Timmy and I are crazy about Elvis. The people that liked Elvis must of been really sad when he died. My aunt like Elton John and Barry Manlow. My grandmother likes Sinatra.

Your Editorial Comments Are Always Welcomed!



The banality of the B Building lounge

Lurking in the hierarchy of the administration is someone whose sense of humor leaves a lot to be desired.

Cleverly disguising this joke with a foolproof disguise, in the form of vending machines and a few tables and chairs thrown in for superficial purposes, is an atrocity named, for brochure purposes only, "Student Lounge".

The mind conjures up visions of an airy space, free of academic pressures; a place to relax in a comfortable chair, grab a snack and converse with peers. Shades of "Andy Hardy Goes to College".

The Student Lounge in B Building isn't fit for animals, let alone students.

No ventilation whatsoever, is only one of its many charms. It gets better from there.

The color scheme is quaint. The walls are Asylum Yellow, the floor Prison Gray.

Money down the drain

Three thousand dollars worth of laboratory pan balances gone, an amplifier, typewriters, tape recorders... and now \$6,000 worth of equipment was stolen from NECC's Audio-visual Room the week of February 17.

If it was not evident before, some changes in security should be made before the entire campus is carried off.

The Observer had learned the articles stolen last week were not covered by insurance. Who takes the loss now?

Perhaps the increased manpower of 16 Comprehensive Education Training Act (CETA) security trainees of Project Secure will help, if there's anything left to protect when they finish their training. It has been obvious for some time that the number of guards we now have are too few.

Numerous persons have keys for certain buildings and offices on campus. A suggestion would be to stamp all keys, stating they cannot be remade. Keys are inconsistently stamped; some state, 'Do Not Duplicate', others do not. They should be re-checked, with lists drawn of who possesses them.

John Cardran, of Haverhill, a security guard here on campus, suggests an inside security force because some of the thefts occur during class hours and guards are now stationed outside in the day-time hours.

The larceny at NECC affects everyone. It could affect us in the form of a fat tuition hike. Let's all watch our campus.

The vending machines are a veritable junk food junkie's haven; each one loaded with everything from stimulants to mone and diglycerides (excluding the fruit juice machine - the one high point of this farce). Let the buyer beware.

To say anything of the spaciousness there is to only comment that the lowest animal on Noah's Ark had it better.

And if cigarette smokers indulge while "lounging", the place becomes analogous with jail; stagnant and repressive.

Since there are no ashtrays, the cigarette smokers are inventively using their left over butts to design an interesting pattern on the floor, helping to create a somewhat unusual, but pleasant diversion from the room's ever-present drabness.

Wall decorations are a basic part of any room's decor. Keeping within the general theme of it what adorns the walls of the B Building lounge are not pictures or posters. Rather they are two signs on each side of the door that bear the identical message to patrons:

"It is Prohibited To Take Food or Drink From This Room"

They are artfully based on a "Hitler's Germany" theme; red and black bold letters on a white background. Very cheerfully, they get the message across in what might be interpreted as an indirect form of blackmail, meaning, if you want something to drink or eat from the place bad enough, you'll sit in there to consume it. Which leads to the conclusion that the reason covers for coffee cups are provided, would be to insure that if undesirable things are floating or flying around, they will not land in your coffee.

Recently signs have been posted on campus by Student Activities declaring that there is 60,000 **extra** dollars in the Student Activities fund, just waiting to be spent on something. If just one percent of this money were to be spent on this existing eyesore, renovations including comfortable furniture, a speaker so as WRAZ could broadcast there, a decent floor covering, and anything for the walls would be probably. And with a clear conscience, and a light heart, it would be possible to say, "Yes Virginia, there is life in the B Building Lounge".

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Letters to the Editors

Intravenous mind feeding

I have been reading, with a little amusement, and considerably more outrage, Val Paradise's column in the Observer. The inanity of his writing far surpasses any found in the faculty and administration here at NECC. I am sure that one column would have sufficed to explain his feelings about the faculty and the evaluation forms. Instead, in each and every issue of the Observer we are brought into contact with an endless repetition of the above mentioned themes, along with fanatical assertions of his infinite superiority over the mere mortals that he comes in contact with, not to mention sophomoric literary quotations which are often barely appropriate and in my eyes provide no added weight to his paranoid ramblings, and merely demonstrate his desire to cloud and confuse the subject at hand with some sort of pseudo-intellectual smokescreen. I, for one, fail to be impressed with these sensationalist tactics, and in fact their employment only reduces Mr. Paradise in my estimation. I am tired of having self-pitying crap spooned to me (even if Dante recommends it), and I suggest that either Val Paradise broadens his literary horizons (and his mind) or removes his sneering face from the pages of the Observer.

Stephen Watkins

The Wizard of Oz revisited

By David Scheidegger #25949
4th Avenue West, OZ

There was once a common Kansas man with a big gas filled balloon. He landed, quite by accident, on the lovely city Oz. His actions and appearance so mystically overwhelmed the populace that he was voted "The Wizard Of Oz" with tenure.

One day followed the next, the years dragged on. He became very confident in his secure and tenured situation. The Wizard feared nothing and could answer any question.

"I think being a Wizard is very grand work indeed!" said the Wizard. Why if ever a wizzier-Wiz-there-was, it was he.

One day a little lost girl came to petition the Wizard. She wanted to go home and hoped that he would show her the way. She was very nervous because she could only see a Vision of the Wizard and his voice boomed and cracked the air, disturbing her greatly.

"What do you want?" the Wizard roared.

"You have come to Paradise here in Oz, why do you want to leave?"

The little girl replied, "I miss being normal, by that I mean I'd like to go home!"

"Bring me the soul of the Vampire of the Valley, and then come back to me.

Presently, you are abhorrant to me - Leave!", he screamed.

She set out immediately, not quite sure where to begin. First she went to the LRC to look up Vampire in the Big Dictionary. She was confused until she ran across Richard Farina and Jack Kerouac. Now she knew what had to be done. She looked and looked everywhere until she finally fell asleep on the side of the road and began a dream. She dreamed about the Wizard and her home so far away. She dreamed of Vampires and how hard it was to catch them. When she woke up she wished that she had studied "Dream Interpretation" in Junior High when she had the chance. So for lack of anything else to do she recited her multiplication tables and this calmed her greatly. She pondered -

"Is the Wizard for real?" What evidence do I have that would make this whole episode sensible?"

She decided not to pay attention to that nasty old malcontent man behind the curtain of Visions and bought a ticket at a bus station and left Oz forever. It was a good thing she did. She arrived safely.

At home she couldn't tell the difference between the Big Gas Filled Balloon and The Wizard, anyway.



Gym use questioned

To The Editor:

There is a situation on the NECC campus for which no reasonable explanation has yet been given. It deals with the use of the gymnasium when no varsity teams are either playing or practising. Why is it that people who pay full tuition and attached fees find that the gym is closed to them at night and after varsity games have been played? We students have every right to avail ourselves of every available facility at this school, so why is there such a hassle involved when four students try to use the gym at 8 o'clock at night, after getting out of school and work?

It's a damn shame that such excellent facilities have to be closed to the very

students who pay for them. And why, when one asks about these facilities, does one get the answer, 'because it's not open'? Why does one get the impression that in order to use these facilities in the evening requires 'being in good' with someone or the general feeling of being a friend of someone in charge at the gym in order to use facilities to which I am more than entitled?

I am not just writing this letter and forgetting about it. I intend to pursue this issue, and I intend to bother people until I get a reasonable answer to these questions. I'm going to find out what the story is, and if any person who reads this knows the answer, contact me please so

Recipient thanks

Faculty Association

To The NECC Faculty Association:

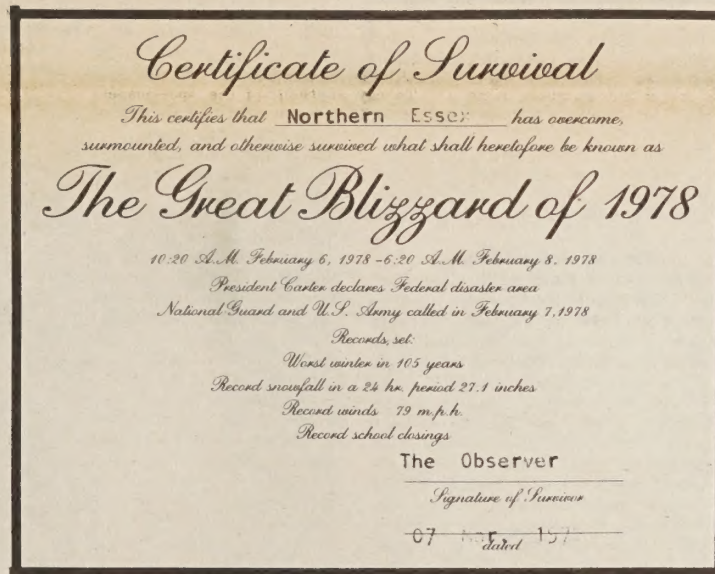
It is with deep appreciation that I thank you for awarding one of the Faculty Association scholarships to me.

It will come in handy as I prepare to graduate from the NECC Nursing program in June.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Erickson

we can get to the bottom of this. As I said before, there is no good reason why we cannot use the gym at night. I don't like to be questioned when I want to use the gym, I and every student have every right to use it. I don't like the insinuations that I shouldn't be there, what the hell am I going to do, burn the place down? I want to play ball, I want to have a shower afterwards, I want to be able to say I go to Northern Essex and I can use the gym any time it's empty. Right now, I can't, but that will change or I'm going to know the reason why.

Domenico Feroce
NECC student



John Cardran: more than just a good security guard.

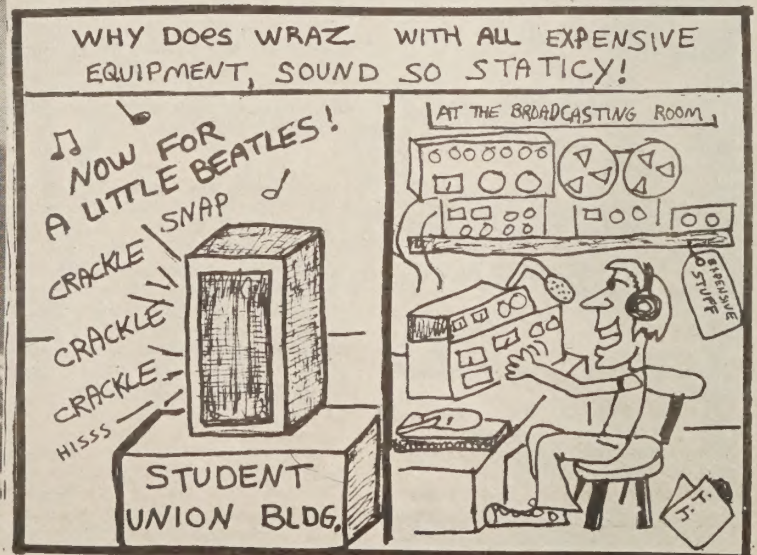
[Photo by Pallaria]

Leave no room for doubt in your mind.



Mike Pallaria: getting better all the time.

[Photo by Pallaria]



The Wizard's Workshop

Mysterious Third Eye ... Part 2 rediscovered?

By R. E. Bissonette

New Age Studies Prove Interesting...

Much study and interest has surrounded this mysterious organ. Drs. Drew and Blatt, of the University of Kentucky psychiatric medical center said, "...The pineal gland may be responsible for maintaining the integrity and wholeness of the entire human organism."

Studies by Barberosa (1959), Quay (1967), and Reiter (1969) also lean to the fact that this little organ may exercise control over the whole lower endocrine system. And the huge bloodflow to the area of the pineal body shows that it has a very important role. (More so than the other glands.)

Modern day research has revealed that the optic nerve, pineal body, and pituitary body, are stimulated by outer sunlight. An ancient sage once said, "As we need on outer Sun to perfect the outer eye; so do we need an inner Sun by which we perfect our inner sight."

Project X

The endocrine system is held important in Gene Savoy's research in Project X. He said, "States of health, youthfulness, and longevity may be governed by the built-in clock systems in the glands...the endocrines seem to be influenced by the energy (solar) via the pituitary and pineal bodies(glands)." 4

Savoy feels that the whole human organism reflects vibrancy of health from simple Sun meditation. Savoy said, "For example, we know sunlight effects the endocrine system through the eyes. 5 This in turn is introduced into the human nervous system."

Body Chemistry Effected By Light

Chemistry states that the universe is 99 percent hydrogen and helium. And the human body is 88.5 percent as 63 percent hydrogen, and 25.5 percent oxygen.

This is a direct relationship of the human body and the solar body. Savoy feels this has profound chemical effects on the human glandular and nervous systems.

Sunlight Effects Aging

Dr. Kenneth Ehler of Salk Institute said, "We know that the pituitary and pineal...the whole glandular system...are effected by sunlight absorption." This is the key to the endocrine system and aging.

Dr. Alex Comfort, in researching aging at London's University College, said, "There also seems to be a psychic influence with the pineal body being effected by light. It could be a third eye in this respect."

These modern researchers, along with: Henry Monteith from the University of New Mexico; Albert Eschenmoser; Richard Wurtman; and others feel the need to dig deeper for more clear information in endocrinology (study of the glands).

Gene Savoy is led to believe that the organizing fields around man are in some way linked to a cosmic intelligence. The fields make up what we call a light body of a higher dimension. 6

Meditation, Guru, and Seeing...

Some scientists and doctors who received the Knowledge of Guru Maharaj

Shad, 6.12 lbs., Bob Gallentine.
Bluegill, 1.4 lbs., Mark Messier, New Bedford.

Bullhead, 2.5 lbs., Paul Peitavino, New Bedford.
Catfish, 15.10 lbs. each for, Lew Spiewak, Jr., Pittsfield and Bernard Schneider, Adams.

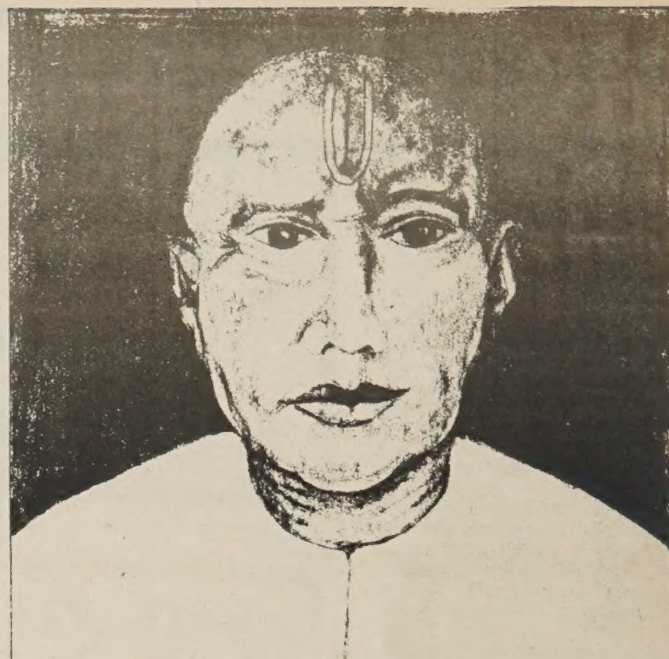
Frozen Fish Breaks Record

Barry Laraway broke the white perch record in New Hampshire with a fish he had caught two and a half years ago from Goose Pond, West Canaan in August 1975. Laraway took the fish from the freezer this past January 23 and entered it in the Granite State contest, at which time it weighed 3.5 lbs. Had the fish not been cleaned and dehydrated, it would have equalled the world record of four pounds 12 ounces. This is known, because the fish had been weighted at the time it was landed, but it was not entered in any contest at the time. The latest weigh-in was done by New Hampshire Conservation Officer Jerry Bernier.

The second annual Eastern Fishing and Outdoor Exposition will be held at the Sheraton Exhibit Center, Sheraton Inn, Interstate 495 and Rte. 111, Boxborough, Mass., March 8-12. A large array of fishing and outdoor equipment will be displayed. Movies will be shown. Here are some of the nationally recognized authorities scheduled to be present:

Larry Benoit, America's top deer hunter, Ernie Schweibert, International Trout Fisherman, Ted Niemeyer, Master Fly Tyer, Tony Skilton, Fly Fishing Instructor, Tom Mann, Top Bass Tournament Pro, Roger Moore, Top Bass Tournament Pro, Dick Kotis, Nationally known Bass Fisherman, Jack Fallon, Noted Saltwater Authority, Frank Woolner, Godfather of Saltwater fishing, Ron Knabel, Top Tournament Archer & Bowhunter.

Hours will be Wed. - Fri., 2 - 10 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Sun. 12 noon - 7 p.m. Price will be: Adults - \$3 & Children under 12 - \$1.



A Brahmin of the Hindu Religion. The tilak shows the link of the major nerve centers to the brow center at the Third Eye region.

Ji7 said, "That meditation upon the Inner Self Effulgent Light has a direct effect upon the pineal gland." They feel it is the physical receptor in man for to see Divine Light of Ultimate Reality.

Esoteric Psychology teaches that the eyebrow center (pineal and pituitary) fuses the five types of energy from the lower centers. This opens the head center (named Thousand Petal Lotus) to deep meditation, service to higher ideals, and true spiritual aspiration. It is called the direct agent of the soul.

"The soul light penetrates into the region of the pineal gland; there it produces an irradiation of the ethers of the head, of the vital airs; the etheric and soul light blend." 10

"...to behold that energy steady in the brain center whilst he himself in meditation is detached from upsets," taught the Tibetan Master to Alice A. Bailey. 8

The pineal is definitely an Inner and Outer Light sensor for man to know the Sun to grow sound in body by; and the Spiritual Sun to grow sane in mind and soft in heart by. Outer Sun meditation restores youth and vigor to aged people. (A special technique Gene Savoy reveals.) And Inner Sun meditation reconnects man to his Father, the Light of Lights. 9 Thus man can become divine and harmonious to love and truth.

4. Project X, UFO Report, Vol. 5, Number 2. By Gene Savoy pp. 18.

5. Ibid pp. 19.

6. Ibid.

7. Perfect Master from Hardwar India - Now resides in Malibu, Calif. and is a world traveler.

8. Treatise on White Magic, A.A.B. p. 107.

9. Claimed to be revealed today by Guru Maharaj Ji, The Perfect Master for our time.

10. White Magic Treatise, A.A.B.

to be continued



THE OUTDOOR OBSERVER

The Massachusetts record for northern pike has been broken. John Kerichenko was fishing through the ice recently and landed a 47 inch, 28 pound, six ounce pike that topped the old record by nearly two pounds. Kerichenko was fishing Lake Onota in Pittsfield, which has a maximum depth of 64 feet - ideal for northerns.

A complete list of fishing awards for the 1977 Massachusetts Freshwater Sports-fishing award program is here-in presented:

Rainbow Trout, 7.3 lbs., Francis Bercume, Spencer.

Brown Trout, 10.13 lbs., Robert J. Dinco, Falmouth.

Brook Trout, 3.6 and a half lbs., Kenneth Pietras, Chicopee.

Lake Trout, 13.13 lbs., Robert Jones, Marlboro.

White Perch, 2.8 lbs., Edward G. Robinson, Hyannisport.

Yellow Perch, 2.8 lbs., William Wood, Halifax.

Walleye, . . .

Pickrel, 8 lbs., Craig Whalen, Stockbridge.

Northern Pike, 20 lbs., Josephine O'Guinn, Webster.

Largemouth Bass, 7.3 lbs., Dean M. Clark, Montague.

Smallmouth Bass, 6.4 lbs., Robert Moriarty, Holyoke.

Calico Bass, 3 lbs. Nick Laviolette, Brimfield.



Trent Arterberry as the 'Desperado'.

[Photo by Pallaria]



"WILDFLOWERS" were topic of talk to Haverhill Garden Club in Haverhill Public Library auditorium by Northern Essex Community College botany professor John L. Finneran, second from left. Flanking guest speakers are, from left, Mrs. Thomas W. Conley, northern district director; Rosemary A. Cleary, second vice-president, and Mrs. Donald W. Charlesworth, director and public relations chairman. [Dierdorff Photo]

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Steely Dan Music Critique

By Jim Berwick

In the land of music, STEELY DAN seems to stand out all alone in search of the forgotten musical domain: uniqueness. In light of their latest opus "AJA" it only makes sense to digress a bit and look at the DAN'S past from inception to present.

STEELY DAN graced their presence upon the music scene in 1972 with a gold album, "Can't Buy A Thrill", and two hit singles, "Do It Again", and "Reeling In The Years".

Commercially and aesthetically the group was immediately established by the media as one of rock's foremost recording acts. Success came easy due to the nature and direction of their music to put it in creative terms their's was different.

Endless jam

In those long ago days of endless jam, rock bands who prided themselves in being excessively loud and the commercialized Woodstock nationalism, the DAN were musical eclectics with home grown roots in both jazz and rock. They effortlessly combined diverse influences in a refreshing new vein of melody.

"Can't Buy A Thrill", liner notes accurately described the musical content as "crisp and exacting", and it is catchy, deceptively-light quality stood in direct contrast to the often pessimistic, ironic and absurdist messages the lyrics more often than not carried.

Skeptics of the hardest kind, the DAN bore the intrepid news of the Seventies. Freedom was a sham and those who believed were fooling themselves: "A world became one of salads and sun, Only a fool would say that, A world where all is free, It just couldn't be and only a fool would say that".

Steely Dan's Roots

At the inception of their recording career, STEELY DAN included songwriters Donald Fagen and Walter Becker who had auspiciously began their collaboration at Brad College by listening to such renowned jazz greats as Charlie Parker and the famous Duke of Jazz Duke Ellington. Auspiciously to the extent that contrasting musical directions of gender seemed to contrast too deeply:

Becker's towards jazz and Fagen's towards rock.

After college they came to terms with musical expression of ideas and proceeded to relocate them in the "Big Apple" New York. The purpose being to refine as soon as possible their expertise in song-writing through gigs as "tin pan alley" song writers and as backing musicians for "Jay And The Americans". A past well worth the trouble, considering how far it brought them.

They eventually joined forces with Denny Dias (Guitar), Jim Hodder (Drums and vocals), Jeff crew, with Dias leaning more strongly towards jazz: a Becker individualist, while Baxter was a more rock-oriented stylist who could also double on pedal steel.

Fagen's quirky, caricatured vocals contrasted with Palmer's smooth harmonized stylings and Hodder's nasal countrified crooning. One who understood could not see this band staying in their present state for long periods of time. Their first album was an exercise in musical journalism concise, direct, and to the point. With the coming of future albums the band's talents became too big to handle.

The year 1973 saw "Countdown To Ecstasy", the bands second collaboration. The DAN had stretched out instrumentally and began the transition to the much

accustomed jazz-flavored style they indeed favor today. Palmer had since departed, only the first in a series of moves which would leave Fagen and Becker eventually a power-laden two some. The DAN relied increasingly on "bitch studio musicians", and back-up vocalists to augment their unique sound. The lyrics were absurd and ironic as ever. "Show Biz Kids", took dead aim on fatuous Hollywood lifestyles. Various gold-digging women were raked over the coals in "Your Gold Teeth", "Razor Boy" and "My Old School".

Somewhere in all this madness, was a strong resemblance to Dylan, with his autobiographical tecture, shadowy characters, and unlikely juxtapositions of time and place.

And then they grew

The 1974 release of "Pretzel Logic" unleashed one of the years biggest commercially successful A.M. singles in "Rikki Don't Lose That Number". That along with "Any Magor Dude With Tell You", conveyed a more affectionate attitude towards women. But, alas the songs still depicted troubled times.

However, as Fagen professed in "Monkey In Your Soul", other characters became sources of utter amusement rather than bitter scorn, and the music reinforced itself towards increased jazz orientation. This trend, seemingly endless in presentation, continued with great success as is evident in "Katy Lied" (1975).

By now two more pieces of the puzzle had departed, Baxter to the Doobie Brothers, and Hodder to the now reformed Street Walkers. At this space in time, guitarist Denny Dias's role in the DAN had taken on a decreasingly obscure path. It was beginning to look more and more like the two man ship its inception had foreseen.

To the credit of Becker, Fagen, Producer Gary Katz and Engineer Roger Nichols (The Immortal One), the DAN were able at great lengths to coax a tight-knit but still tangible and interesting sound from a slew of asterially polished studio musicians. Tom Scott and Phil Woods were among them. The songs that developed were nearly perfectly realized miniatures that exploded through a variety of complex themes. They featured some of Becker's and Fagen's more challenging lyrics.

"Chain Lighting" and "Bad Senkers", dealt strongly with various aspects of intoxication and dissipation, while "Black Friday", and "Throw Away The Little Ones", voiced paranoid escapist fantasies.

Next week we will look at the DAN's last two albums "The Royal Scam" and "Aja".

Editor's Note:

This column is the first of a series: It will continue throughout the semester. Jim Berwick welcomes any thoughts or additions.

Employment opportunities listed

Every Wednesday students have on-campus access to employment opportunities listed with the Massachusetts Division of Employment Security.

A daily updated microfiche printout is available in the Career Resource Library Room 111 of the College Center.

Also, on Wednesday of each week employment counselors are available in the Career Resource Library for direct referral.

Job opportunities cover the Lawrence Regional area, as well as statewide. Available Ceta positions, for which many students and graduates are available.

Students interested in learning to use the microfiche set-up will be shown the Dictionary of Occupational Titles necessary by Dick Pastor, Director of Placement and Career Services, days between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

IT'S COMING APRIL 3

Chords in concert

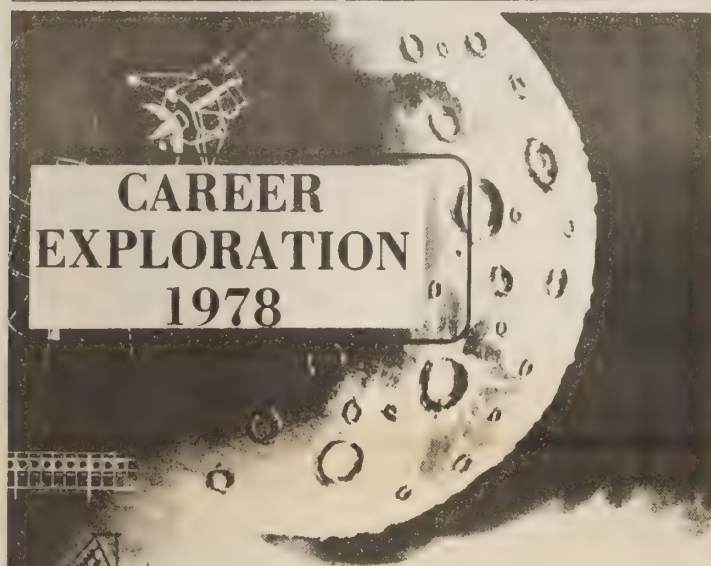
The Chords comprise one of the youngest, full-time Gospel groups touring the nation today, traveling over 100,000 miles a year in a specially-equipped 1977 MCI Coach. The group has made many special appearances on radio and television, as well as the concert stage, presenting a unique program that has met with exuberant acceptance at high schools, colleges, fairs, conventions, banquets, and functions sponsored by church organizations of all denominations. They also are recording artists with

thirteen albums to their credit. Their latest albums are **Same Old-Fashioned Way and Come Together In The Sky**. Their music is truly a reflection of the oneness that they have, and continue to show with each performance. Don't miss hearing The Chords in concert at Tenney Middle School Auditorium, Pleasant St., Methuen on Friday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3.00. This concert is sponsored by First Church, Congregational, Pleasant & Stevnes Streets, Methuen.

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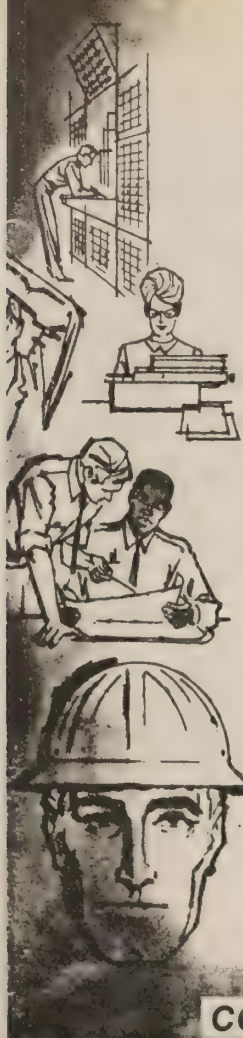
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By Cilla LaPlume

NECC - Ms. Elizabeth J. Wilcoxson, History Professor, is glad to get back to her usual routine. The February winter hurricane created quite an experience for her.

As others sat comfortably sipping coffee while watching news bulletins about thousands stranded on Route 128, Ms. Wilcoxson was shivering in her Rabbit, right in the middle of that motorized pile-up.

Ms. Wilcoxson, with her mother, her sister and brother-in-law, was returning from a funeral in New York. She exited onto Route 128, drove about two miles and then came to a complete halt behind hundreds of snow-struck vehicles. They remained there from 7 p.m. Tuesday until 4 a.m. Wednesday.

"I started the engine for ten minutes every two hours. We had two blankets and our bathrobes to help keep us warm," Ms. Wilcoxson explained. "We knew help was on the way," she confessed, "because we listened to radio news broadcasts".

They were rescued by State Police,

then were bused to St. Bartholomew's Church where they joined hundreds of other snow-bound people. At 10 a.m., six hours after the rescue, the Red Cross delivered ham and cheese sandwiches for breakfast.

"The people were extremely helpful and generous," Ms. Wilcoxson said with a smile. "The neighbors offered the use of their telephones and opened their homes to many of us. This experience has restored my faith in mankind."

Thirty hours later, the rescued family was riding in an Army truck on their way back to Hingham, where her sister resides.

All this time, Ms. Wilcoxson's snow-covered car was waiting patiently on 128 to be claimed. She had to obtain a special pass from the Police Department before she could rescue it.

Finally, on Friday morning, February 10, police transported her to her auto. She brushed the snow off the car. It started right up, and she drove down 128 to her home in Newburyport. She was not asked once to show her official travel permit.

New plant

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At present, an average of 4.5 million gallons per day, with an emergency plant capacity of approximately 16 million gallons per day. As demands increase and the plant is expanded, its capacity will rise to 24 million gallons per day.

One hundred percent of the cost will be assumed by the city. That cost is not yet known.

The chemicals used to purify the water, the impurities taken out of it, and the sedimentation basin sludge will be pumped directly into the city sewer system.

The old water plant building will be turned into office space for the city.

Nuclear Radiation Controversy Warming

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regulars nonexposed.

Dr. Gerry Stein of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) noted the contaminates enter a worker's body by inhalation and skin abrasions. Once through the skin the rays stay inside for years. "That is why they are so dangerous," Stein said.

The most startling statistic was in the 60 to 69 years of age group. A 60 percent rate of exposed radiation workers died of cancer. Non-nuclear workers rates of the same ages were 26.1 percent.

There is a germination period of 8 to 10 years after radiation exposures.

A national Defense Department toll-free marathon phone tree is now in effect to try to locate about 200,000 affected veterans of nuclear testing, from 1945 until 1963.

The Federal Government is trying to do something; even if they may be trying to hide something. Most of the 2800 veterans responding were tested, assured not to worry, and released.

Operation Smokey, a 1957 Nevada Blast affected 3,153 soldiers who were marched to ground zero, within hours of a nuke blast.

Nine Smokey veterans have died of leukemia-triple typical rates of the population at large.

United States Senator John A. Durkin (D-N.H.) has asked President Carter for a nationwide federal study of nuclear submarine repair facilities, with an independent panel of civilian experts to monitor investigations.

Durkin and Senator William D. Hathaway (D-Maine) and Captain W.D. McDonough, Commander of Portsmouth Naval Yard told Union Officials to have an independent study group, not tied to the government, investigate the problem also.

Pieces of the Russian satellite of Slave Lake Canada history, as big as little B.B.s, are being found right now, and are considered radioactive.

The U.S. requested at the United

Nations, last March, for tough international regulations for satellites with nuclear power.

Indeed, the fuss over low-level radiation is just warming up. Some people are alarmed that tiny radioactive particles released from atomic reactors, cyclotrons, and other machines may be hazardous for public health.

Admiral Rickover wants an eight year study to be done. The Globe research, and the intensity of the government to find contaminates, is proof there is less time than eight years, we must move quickly to other energy sources while testing out nuclear radiation. At the same time we must halt nuclear proliferation.

Career Day A Big Success

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Each representative had a designated area for informal discussions with the students. These meetings were not job interviews but were arranged only to provide general career information.

Since hospitals hire people in all categories of employment, Northern Essex students of early childhood study, mental health technology, business management, law enforcement students were able to obtain important career and job information.

Those hospitals participating in the health career day were: Anna Jacques Hospital, Newburyport, Ma.; Bon Secours Hospital, Methuen, Ma.; Danvers State Hospital, Danvers, Ma.; Hale Hospital, Haverhill, Ma.; Hamstead Hospital, Hamstead, N.H.; Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for the Aged, Roslindale, Ma.; Jewish Memorial Hospital, Boston, Ma.;

Lawrence Genreal Hospital, Lawrence, Ma.; Lemuel Shattuck Hospital, Jamaica Plain, Ma.; Lowell General Hospital, Lowell, Ma.; Greater Lynn Mental Health Association, Lynn, Ma.; Massachusetts Rehabilitation Hospital, Boston, Ma.; Memorial Hospital, Nashua, N.H.; Middlesex County Hospital, Waltham, Ma.; New England Memorial Hospital, Stoneham, Ma.; New Hampshire Health Careers Council, Concord, N.H.; Salem Hospital, Salem, Ma.; Shaughnessy Chronic Disease and Rehabilitation Center, Salem, Ma.; Somerville Hospital, Somerville, Ma.; St. John's Hospital, Lowell, Ma.; St. Joseph's Hospital, Lowell, Ma.; Symmes Hospital, Arlington, Ma.; J.B. Thomas Hospital, Peabody, Ma.; Union Mission Nursing Home, Haverhill Ma.; Veterans Administration Hospital, Bedford, Ma.; and the Youville Hospital, Cambridge, Ma.

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Employment listed

Dick Pastor, Director of Placement and Career Services has scheduled several employment seminars and interviews with potential employers for the student body. He said, "Interest in these posted interviews should be indicated to me as soon as possible by students because unless there is a show of interest they will be cancelled."

Registration with the office of Placement and Career Services should be completed immediately by all individuals

anticipating to graduate in June.

Services available to registered students include the Job Listing and Referral Service, the On-Campus Recruiting Program and Credentials Service.

Services available to all student include the Career Resource Library, Resume Writing Workshops, Interview Techniques Workshops, and Job Search Workshops. Registration Materials are available in the Career Resource Library, Room 111, in the College Center.

Daniels certifies vets now By Judi Dusombre

NECC - Assistant Registrar Bonnie Daniels will take over the certification of veterans now attending NECC, said Dick Reilly, Coordinator of Veteran's Affairs. Ms. Daniels will inform the Veteran's Administration of student curricula and the VA would inform her of any changes to pass on to veterans.

Reilly also said veterans attending classes must matriculate into a degree program; one semester is allowed as an unclassified student, he said.

Veterans must also keep up academic standards the same as apply to all student receiving financial assistance.

Reilly now handles counseling, recruiting and outreach of veterans.

WRAZ benefits college

By Vaughn Jackman

The members of the Radio Club want everyone to know that the radio station is for the benefit of the college community. They are open to suggestions, comments and constructive criticism.

Anyone interested in being involved with WRAZ is welcome to join the radio club. Presently there are 30 members including Jim Sanborn, president; Kevin Murphy, station manager; Jo-Ann Fitzgerald, program director; and Paul Arquin, business manager. Meetings are held every Wednesday at 12 noon in the Law Library.

The radio station is located in the basement of the library. Presently it broadcasts to the lower level of the College Center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday - Friday. Disc-jockeys have a one or two hour show, depending on how long they have been in the club. They are kept in check by

Jo-Ann Fitzgerald, program director, who makes sure a wide variety of music is played, and that the music complies with Federal Communications Commissions regulations.

WRAZ will soon be aired in the cafeteria, the gym lobby and the Student Center Lounge Lobby for a 30 day trial period. The results of 500 questionnaires passed out at the end of last semester favored this expansion. These questionnaires were distributed to students, faculty, staff and administration. They also indicated that 90 percent of those who answered wanted to hear mellow rock.

School and club events may be announced on the radio free of charge. Local businesses will be able to have advertisements broadcast at a fee. This fee will decrease as the amount of ad time ordered increases.

Student Council alive and well

By Mary Gail Farroll

NECC - The Student Council of Northern Essex is alive and well. The 12-member Council meets weekly in Room 133 of the College Center. Coordinator of Student Activities Rick Nastri acts as advisor to the council. The meeting time for this semester had not yet been set.

Council members include: President, Zophia Mierzwa; Vice-President, Larry Murphy; Secretary-Treasurer, Phyllis Ferrante; Marylou Arseneault, Karen Oliveri, Rodney Cook, Gerry Arseneau.

Marte Loughlin, Rick Benson, Mike Faro, Judi Dusombre, and Kathy Brown. Brown and Dusombre, who were elected last week in a special election, are replacing Jennifer Price and former Treasurer Linda Swiger.

Among the issues now being looked into by the Student Council is the possibility of the Health Service Department being moved to the College Center. The Council is also making inquiries as to why classes are being held during the hours set aside for student activities.

Meteorology club : a thing of the past

By David W. Page

NECC - The science club at Northern Essex is fast becoming a thing of the past. It's been two years since the club, originally known as the meteorology club, has met. Faculty advisors, Robert Paul and John Mason, stated that a lack of continuity of members is the cause.

Students that are usually interested in the science club are those that have had a year or more of scientific study. This means that by the time they form a club they have only one or two semesters left before graduation and officers and important members are gone before a nucleus of new students can form a

successive club.

Paul, head of the science department and meteorology teacher here, stated, "The only way we can have a functional club is for the students themselves to create the impetus. I could request funding but if the interest isn't there the money would simply be returned."

Mason, a physics teacher at Northern Essex, says, "There are solar energy materials here at the school, in storage, that were ordered by the students in 1976, and have never been used."

Students interested in re-establishing the science club are advised to meet with Mr. Paul or Mr. Mason.

Office at 374-0721 ext. 122.

Rita Byers, Crucita DeJus, Joy Dulong, Stephan Haak, Raymond Johnson, Margaret Kendall, Susan Marceau, Donna Parlee, Marilyn Sullivan, Agnes Wallace, Roxana Zevallos.

DIC Staff projects warmth

NECC - Talking to Susan this morning, a Drop-In Center staff member, I couldn't help but get caught up in the feelings of warmth and sharing that she extends to other people. These, she assures me, are all part of what the people at the DIC wish to extend to the campus community.

To help people help themselves, to provide one-to-one counseling, to just be there when needed, are the center's purposes. If they can't help you, they know someone who can.

The DIC's Director is Rubin Russell.

The DIC's new office is located right off the game room beneath the cafe. There's always someone there between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Feel free to drop in and say hello. You may also call the Hot Line at 374-0929.

The DIC staff is working on a voluntary basis. They have undergone an intensive two-week training period to better help them understand and help you. They meet once a week for discussions and one Sunday a month for brunch, mixing business with pleasure. If you'd like to join them, why not ask about some training for yourself and help them help others.

This semester they intend to try for more outreach, with seminars, films, and other aids. This will help others to be more aware of what they're trying to do.

A quote from Susan pretty much sums up how all the people at the DIC feel.

"I personally love the Drop-In Center because I feel I'm giving something of myself to other people and it feels super!"

Music club is back

In the past, the music club has produced Music Festivals, performed at ceremonies here for guest speakers, and have developed music lessons in the past. The club also gives musicians a chance to get together and jam and attend concerts in Boston. It also offers a musicians exchange, where members who play instruments exchange equipment.

There will be another meeting on March 15 at 11 a.m. in room 202c.

NECC - An inactive music club is back in action this semester, starting with their first meeting March 1. All interested students are welcome.

Mr. Feingold, the director of the club since it was started in 1972, stated "Groups of students will be the generating force for the new music club."

Last June the school developed a music club scholarship which has not been used as of yet. Also, they are presently submitting requests for the budget.

Ski Club is active

By Marie Peters

NECC - The ski club, the largest club on campus with 120 students is having meetings on Weds. at 12 in room 263e. Officers will be elected and discussions will be brought up on further trips in March. All are welcome.

When asked what he thought were reasons for success of the club, Mr. Spinney, the director at the ski club said, "Student involvement in the planning and the execution of ski trips. Also, cheaper group rates on lodging, meals, ski tolls, ski equipment rentals, and ski lessons."

The club had its first weekend trip at "Smugglers notch" in Vermont and lodged at the Red Fox Inn, last December.

"Everyone had a great time", he said. Sugerbush was their last trip which took place in January for one week. Mr. Spinney said, "Most people think they are getting a good deal as far as a return on the student activities fee."

Just a reminder for all those interested in participating in meetings and trips, from the director: "Only ski club members receive the full discounts on trips and equipment, however, guests of members may accompany members on ski trips and thereby receive at least discounts as a result of group rates. Members of the club receive a 10 percent discount on ski equipment purchased at various ski shops."

Fencing meets

Two men's events will be featured at a fencing meet at Northern Essex Community College (NECC) on Sunday, March 12, at noon.

The first event will be a saber open, in which fencing enthusiasts at any level of fencing proficiency may compete.

Only beginners may compete in the second event, a foil novice.

The meet is sanctioned by the Amateur Fencing League of America and hosted by

the NECC fencing club.

Dr. Fritz Chang, club advisor, will direct the judging, and he will be assisted by members of the fencing league in this task.

Members of the fencing club will be responsible for setting up stripes and judging tables, as well as other necessary items.

The competition is open to the public, and the community at large is invited to attend.

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Weight lifters need supporters

Glen Thurlow, director of the weight lifting club, encourages all people interested in lifting to join him every Mon, Wed., and Fri. from 10 a.m. to noon in Rm. 167 of the gym.

He is instructing about 20 members now and considers their efforts to be a huge success. The participants run through several routines and sets to build up their strength.

Glen is by no means a beginner at this

sport: He has established himself as a prominent lifter.

On February 25, Thurlow participated in a meet at the Haverhill YMCA that was sponsored by the New England Amateur Athletic Union. He won two awards: the light heavy weight title and the "best lifting" award.

Glen said he is awaiting about \$1700 from the student council to purchase new equipment for the weight room.

Stolen Goods uninsured

An official at Northern Essex Community College (NECC) said today the college is not insured for the \$6,000 of audio-visual equipment stolen last week.

John Palmucci, Dean of Administration, said: "the commonwealth is self-insuring in the estimation of the state it is less expensive to replace stolen or damaged articles than it would be to pay higher premiums for insurance."

Palmucci then added, "The chance of NECC receiving money from the state to replace the audio-visual equipment are nil."

James Helleesen, Audio-Visual Director, listed items taken in the break: two four channel Teac reel to reels, one stereo Teac reel to reel, two Phillips turntables, one Marantz stereo receiver, one Sound Craft equalizer, and one stereo cassette recorder. Helleesen said he is in the process of

preparing a proposal to have the equipment replaced with surplus student activities money.

He intends to bring this proposal before the student council and NECC's President John R. Dimitry as soon as possible.

Rick Nastri, Director of Student Activities said: "The college has a surplus of \$100,000 in accumulated student activities money that must be spent before March 31, or it will be added to the state education budget as a surplus."

Proposals have been submitted to the student council by various student organizations, clubs, and committees seeking appropriations from this fund, Nastri said. The proposals must be approved by both the student council and President Dimitry.

"I believe student proposals will receive priority," Nastri concluded.

The Comic Form

The Saga of Mongoose Chapter One

by P.R. SANBORN & ED DUKESHIRE

ACROSS THE ICY COLD BLACKNESS OF SPACE A SOLITUDE ENTITY HAS TRAVELED FOR MILLIONS OF YEARS, LOOKING FOR AN ISLAND IN THIS VAST UNIVERSE TO CALL HOME. ITS TIRELESS JOURNEY HAS COME TO AN END IT SEEMS, TO REST UPON A WORLD OF GREEN HILLS AND ROLLING PLAINS; PLACID LAKES AND ROARING SEAS, A PLACE OF STRANGE TABOOS AND EVEN STRANGER BEINGS. HALF BURIED IN THE SOIL OF THIS WORLD CALLED EARTH, THE GLOWING ENTITY RESTS AND WAITS FOR A LIVING CREATURE TO PASS ITS WAY. MANY YEARS PASSED AND THEN ONE WARM SPRING DAY IN THE MONTH OF MAY SOMETHING STIRRED WITHIN THE FOREST NEARBY.

A WOUNDED MONGOOSE--

IT CRAWLED UP OVER A ROCK THAT WAS RIGHT ABOVE THE RESTING ENTITY. THE MONGOOSE'S BREATHING WAS LABORED, AND IT WAS VERY WEAK.

THE MONGOOSE ESCAPED FROM A ZOO MANY DAYS AGO.

THE ENTITY REACHED OUT WITH ITS MIND TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE MONGOOSE, NOT KNOWING OF ITS WOUNDS, THEIR MINDS MERGED.

BOTH CREATURES WENT INTO INSTANT SHOCK, SUBSEQUENTLY SETTING BOTH INTO A STATE OF PARTIAL YET PERMANENT AMNESIA.

TOTALLY EXHAUSTED FROM THE ORDEAL OF BECOMING ONE WITH THE ENTITY'S MIND, THE MONGOOSE'S EYES SLOWLY CLOSED.

NIGHT WAS CLOSING IN EVERYTHING SEEMED SO ALIEN AND COLD. HIS HUSHED WHINE WAS CAUGHT.

THE DYING MONGOOSE OPENED HIS EYES, AND THERE BEFORE HIM WAS A YOUNG GIRL--

SHE GENTLY REACHED DOWN AND PICKED UP THE HURT MONGOOSE-- WITHOUT HURTING IT MORE...

WE'D BETTER HURRY. THE BIG BLACK MONSTER WILL COME OUT SOON... THAT'S WHAT MY DAD SAID...

LET ME TAKE YOU HOME LITTLE PUPPY--

-- MY DAD WILL TAKE US TO SEE DOCTOR SAM--
-- TO MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER.

--ON THE WIND AND CARRIED AWAY INTO THE DARKENING SKYS.

--ABOUT EIGHT YEARS OLD, HER GLOWING EMBER HAIR AND TINY EYES--

--SEEMED TO TWINKLE IN THE DIM STARLIGHT.

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By Paul Sanborn

When I create comic characters, I am usually influenced by already existing characters and ideas without going as far as to copy another person's idea. I try to create as real to life characters in a frame work of what is possible in a world that considers the slightest deviation from the norm to be impossible and pure 'escape' material.

In the world of 'Fantasy', science may seem like magic and have no basis on reality. Possible science facts are only based on what we know to be true and factual at this stage of mankind's development. As the years go on, science discovers more and all the guide lines are moved forward, subsequently making fantasy into fact. There is no reason to let ourselves fall short and say "that's impossible" just because we do not understand it.

The word "super heroes" usually turns the reader of the comic off, because they think it to be childish non-sense. Another reason is that most people think that the superhero always ruins the fights and gets the "bad guy". For a good "superhero" comic story this isn't always the case; the villain has a role in the main character's life, and not necessarily just to be caught and brought to justice by the all good perfect superhero.

I think even with all the pressure that society puts on people to make them believe that a single person can not stand alone and be a "winner", that there can be heroes, even "superheroes" if a person can believe in themself and their own so called superheroes.

The Legendary Fourth Force

In the 25th century, some four thousand years from now, the galaxy is ruled by a race of reptilian creatures called the Grouds. The Grouds rule with an iron fist over all the races of the Milky Way Galaxy, with no respect for any life forms, intelligent or not. Then for the first time in four thousand years, the Fourth Force arises from the four thousand year old ashes to fight to free the galaxy from the tyranny of the Grouds.

The character "James Rann" a member of the group called the Fourth Force. He's originally from the 20th century, with the inborn power of cosmic awareness which he learns how to use in conjunction with the cosmic power bands.

To be continued

The Legendary FOURTH FORCE Chapter One

by P.R. SANBORN & ED DUKESHIRE
IN THE 25th CENTURY
SOME FOUR THOUSAND YEARS FROM NOW, THE GALAXY HAS BEEN RULED BY TYRANNY--

ZZTHAK!
BRING THE HUMAN FEMALE IN FOR...
WHAT THE?!

--BY A RACE OF REPTILIAN CREATURES KNOWN AS THE GROUDS. THE GROUDS' TYRANNY OVER ALL THE RACES OF THE GALAXY (INCLUDING HUMANS) IS ABOUT TO BE DISRUPTED RATHER ADRUPTLY, BY THEIR FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH 'JAMES RANN' OF THE FOURTH FORCE!

THE--
--BUCK--
--STOPS--
HERE!

DESTROY THE HUMAN SCUM!!
SURRENDER!
THAK!

I WAS HOPING TO AVOID THIS!
RANN DEFLECTS THE DEADLY RAYS USING HIS COSMIC BANDS FORCE SHIELD.
BZZTNO!!
THOOM!
RANN'S WARRIOR INSTINCT DOMINATES HIS ACTIONS.
ZRAK!
AND THE MAN FROM THE 20th CENTURY SHOWS NO MERCY...

Campus Cosmo

QUESTION:

'What did you do during the week of the Blizzard?'

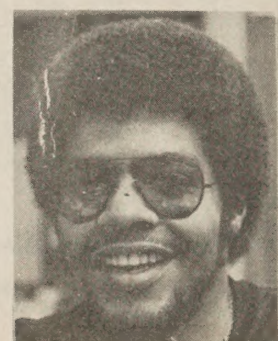


Annie Mooer: Second semester, Secretarial Business, "I played some indoor games, caught up on some homework, and watched TV."

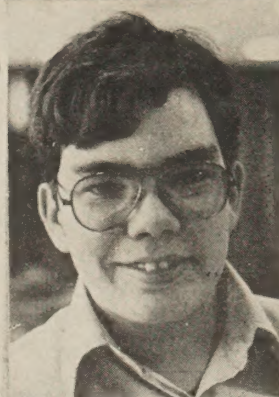


Judy Gagnon: First semester, Secretarial Business, "I stayed inside for the most part, and took my little girl sledding."

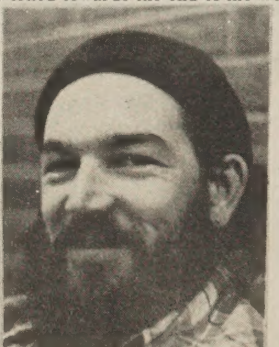
Rebecca MacAuley: Second semester, Liberal Arts, "I caught up on some reading, did a little cooking, drove around sight seeing, and partied with some friends."



Steve Bowles: Fourth semester, Engineering Science, "I slept late, rearranged the furniture, played some indoor games, and went out for groceries."



Bob Hoar: Fourth semester, Business Transfer, "I did a lot of shoveling, and worked towards the end of the week."



Bill MacMillan: Second semester, Liberal Arts, "I relaxed a little, caught up on some reading, and did a lot of shoveling."

Interview and photos

by Joe Pallaria

Off the cuff

By Julie Davis

The movie Tommy will be shown on Wednesday March 15, from 11 - 1, in the E building.

The division of Continuing Education and Community Services is going to present a study skills workshop in the Student Center Lounge, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29. (29th location to be announced). There is no charge.

If you have any changes regarding the fall curriculum go to the admissions office before March 17.

A coffee house will be held in the cafeteria on March 15, from 11 - 1 featuring Henry Welch.

February 28, was the last day to petition for graduation. If anyone has not done so already please see the registrar immediately.

March 8 and 10 a ping pong tournament for students, faculty and staff will be held in the gym at 11:15. Sign ups will be on the intramural bulletin board.

March 24 will be the last day to withdraw from a class with a W on your record.

March 17 is Evacuation Day and no classes will be held.

There will be a meeting of the Photography club on March 8, at 11:10 in E-255. There will be a special slide presentation by W. Eugene Smith on "Between Birth and Death: An affirmation of Life".



timmy meehan's

Haverhill Plaza - Haverhill, Mass.

Timmy Meehan's House of Beef is nestled in the innermost corner of the Haverhill Plaza, near the Groveland Bridge in Haverhill.

The soft glow of Tiffany fixtures over the huge padded, oval bar reflect the warm hospitality of this popular restaurant. Natural wood panelling, warm gold carpeting, and bright red placemats and candleholders welcome you in rustic style. Primitive paintings and antique street signs add interest to the decor.

The daily luncheon menu features sandwiches, a selection of salads, meat and fish dishes, and a delicious special which includes dessert, coffee, and all the extras. Broiled lemon sole, broiled or baked haddock, tenderloin steak sauteed with peppers, and New England corned beef are some of the entrees; all served with french fries or roasted potato spears, rolls and butter, and of course, the soup and vegetable bar.

The dinner menu includes your choice of steak, stuffed breast of capon, veal parmigian, or several seafood dishes. Relax and enjoy your choice of spirits, including a fine selection of wine such as St. Emilion, Beaujolais, and Lambrusco, to name a few. Champagne is also available.

Complete dinner for two is featured Monday through Wednesday for \$9.95.

Soft music is played throughout lunch and dinner hours for your dining pleasure.

Stop by for a drink at the bar and treat yourself to some freshly boiled shrimp dipped in delicious cocktail sauce.

The entertainment on Tuesday through Sunday nights brings out the fun lovers. Irish groups and a variety of others share the bandstand, so clap your hands, sing along, come and join the fun at Timmy Meehan's.

